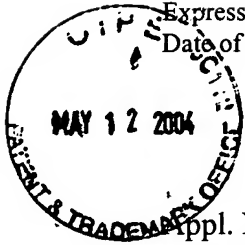


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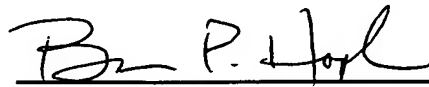
PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), Applicants hereby petitions for a one-month (1) extension of time to respond to the March 12, 2004 Office Action in the above-identified application. With the extension, the response is due on or before May 12, 2004. A check in the amount of \$55.00 in payment of the fee required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(1), is enclosed herewith.

Please charge any additional fees that may be due, or credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Reference No. 21535-009. A duplicate copy of this Petition is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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